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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 29, 2006

1. Call to order.

The 318th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:40 p.m. on November 29, 2006 at Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mary Sue Maurer and Lorenza Fong.

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, Mr. Lange was elected temporary Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Bryan Cash, Linda Parks, Lorenza Fong, Ron Schafer, Jerome C. Daniel, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Jim Berkus, Ed Begley, Woody Smeck, and Antonio Gonzalez.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Caroline Brown, Mary Sue Maurer, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, and Dennis Seider. A Quorum was not present. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Linda Palmer, Marc Stirdivant, and Garen Yegparian. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Michael Cacciotti, Richard Gould, Michael Hurley, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, John McCord, Barry Read, Harry Schwarz, Nancy Stephens, Rich Toyon, Timothy Wendler, Liane Weintraub, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Jeff Jones, Chief Financial Officer; Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Project; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff, and Laura Plotkin.

5. Reports.

No comments were made.

6. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

7. Presentation of final proposed Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Ken Kearsley, representing the City of Malibu, on items 7 and 11.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Kearsley.

Steven A. Amerikaner, representing the Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund, on items 7 and 11.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Amerikaner.

Navy F. Banvard, member of the public, on items 7 and 11.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Banvard.

James Rojas, representing the Latino Urban Forum, on items 7 and 11.

Jonathan Kaye, member of the public, on items 7 and 11.

Dr. Roseann Mikos, member of the public, on item 9(a).

Joan Luchs, representing the Cahuenga Pass Neighborhood Association, on matters not on the agenda.

Mindy Panunzio, member of the public, on items 7 and 11.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Panunzio.

Eric Edmunds, member of the public, on items 7 and 11.

Comments were made by Ms. Palmer, Mr. Schafer, the Executive Director, Mr. Lange, Ms. Maurer, and Ms. Brown.

The Chair announced that item 11 would be considered next.

11. Consideration of resolution approving the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan-Public Works Plan and authorizing submission to the California Coastal Commission.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director, Mr. Yegparian, David Updike representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Ms. Collins, Mr. Schafer, Mr. Daniel, and Ms. Parks.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cash.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-91 as amended.

Mr. Parks was noted as opposing.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Ventura County Watershed Protection Division on the Happy Camp Canyon Channel Improvement Project draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Happy Camp Canyon Regional Park.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the Chairperson to appoint members to, and fill vacancies arising in, governing boards, commissions, committees, councils, and other bodies where the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has the right of appointment.**

Item 9(a) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 9(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Ventura County Watershed Protection Division on the Happy Camp Canyon Channel Improvement Project draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Happy Camp Canyon Regional Park.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-87.

Ms. Parks was noted as abstaining.

- 9(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing the Chairperson to appoint members to, and fill vacancies arising in, governing boards, commissions, committees, councils, and other bodies where the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has the right of appointment.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-88.

10. Coastal Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing an interagency agreement with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission to provide matching funds for research and technical and fiscal analysis of regional funding for improvements, acquisitions, and other watershed protection activities consistent with Propositions 50 and 84.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a matching grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission for the Green Solution Projects study.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 06-89 and 06-90.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration project, Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-92 was adopted.

- 13. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*. Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**

No closed session was held.

- 14. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Chair announced that the date of the next meeting would be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson